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THE PLAIN INFERENCE

When the disarmament conference delegates begin to haggle over details, as will be done today and again tomorrow on the proposal of Sec'y Hughes for the destruction of battleships, the plain inference is that these delegates expect to use their battleships.

Battleships are built for war. It may be taken for granted that they expect war.

The proposal of Hughes was that England, United States and Japan agree on the size of their navies on a basis of "5-5-3." Japan, so it is whispered, has suggested behind locked doors that the proportion should be "10-10-7."

Does the mere suggestion of this change of figures mean that, at some time, Japan expects to use those seven battleships against this country and believes that she can get along with seven to our ten?

Does it mean that she has in the back of her mind a plan to use those seven ships for plundering some other nation—for there will be no navies large enough to attack her?

In this conference to fail because those men, gathered there, are thing in terms of war rather than in terms of peace?

A world association of nations, a Wilson League, an informal gathering, any meeting of the peoples of the world, could settle any question that may arise.

For people do not hate. It takes hate to make men fight. It takes only subtle diplomats to create hate.

Out in the west, in the old days, the sheriff of Dodge City, home of bad men, carried on an effective disarmament of the community by destroying the guns of all who might be suspected of desires to fight.

Will the secret diplomacy now being practiced lead the world to the stern necessity of following the example of the late Bat Masterson by forcing the most peaceful of all nations to "get the drop" by building the greatest navy of all and then determinedly taking away the guns of the bad men of the world?

Would not the simpler and easier plan be to unmask any warlike intentions through peaceful association in a body that truly and openly represented the will of the "submerged millions" of all nations?

THE IDEAL YOUNG MAN

On another page you will find a very excellent sermon, delivered by Rev. Gardiner, on the "Ideal Young Man." He reflected the viewpoint of 25 young ladies in his congregation who, it may be suspected, were either not wholly frank or took for granted that every man was possessed of one cardinal quality, which they forgot to mention.

These young ladies overlooked the most important qualification of manhood, young or old,—the quality of courage.

High ideals, unquestioned integrity, a real and fixed purpose in life, industrious habits, physical, mental and spiritual development were the five points which these young ladies fixed as the standards of the ideal.

The ladies have selected well of the cardinal virtues, but may it not be suggested that it would be perfectly possible to find a youth possessed of all these characteristics and personalities, who would still be automatic to the point of worthlessness.

To hold high ideals is essential to life. But merely having them is useless. "Faith without works is dead," wrote the apostle. Unless there be back of those ideals a courage to die for them, if necessary, and to live by them at all hazards, a more difficult task, the ideals become as futile as the diplomatic acceptance of things "in principle" with reservations as to actual practice.

Unquestioned integrity may be a negative thing. It might come from a cowardly spirit, fear of consequence, rather than a love for honesty for the sake of honesty.

A fixed purpose in life, a definite objective, is essential. But it is important to have the determination to reach that objective in life, the courage to continue when the fight grows bitter and the days dull.

It may be taken for granted that a youth of high ideals would select only a meritorious purpose for his life, would hope only to reach a goal that would inspire respect and honor. Many men have such a purpose. But they fail when it comes to braving the sacrifices necessary to attain it.

To be industrious is essential in a world of work, but a love of work and the will to work is greater. There are thousands of industrious men who merely fill in the blank spaces in industry, mere machines who work as a habit with an eye upon a pay envelope, and who never reach the real happiness of working because there is behind the job a thrill in accomplishment, a glow of pride in production. That takes courage.

The physical, mental and social development is the insurance for the other qualities, springing from them, and adding to their power.

Take these five as the foundation and then add the vital motive power of courage—the bravery that sends men to the grueling tasks of labor, that inspires them to sacrifice for their ideals, that leads them to any effort to attain their goals in life.

This age, above all others, demands bravery—moral and physical bravery.

It is the day of new things and it takes courage to try the new. It is a day of change and there is used of courage to fight for the better, not the worse, shift in the trend of civilization.

Of course, the rejoinder from the young ladies whose views were the basis of the discussion is obvious. They know, none better, that the world has long recognized that "only the brave deserve the fair" and every young man, with proper incentive to meet the demands of a young woman who painted the picture of her ideal would to him be surprisingly fair. He would be, of course, brave.

Whether you agree or not that the fundamental characteristic of courage is essential to the ideal young man, you will agree that Dr. Gardiner is performing a most useful service in bringing to the pulpit a most practical and every day problem of morality and life in so interesting a manner.

Chicago plumbers have accepted a wage cut, but more tools will be forgotten.

DESTROYED BY MONEY?

H. G. Wells, the famous novelist and philosopher, solemnly warns this country that it must call a financial conference, call off its loans to the allies, and rearrange a sound, stable financial system for Europe or all of civilization will be wiped out.

His theory is that the misery of European nations is caused by the fact that money has become worthless in most of the nations. Consequently, to bring prosperity money must have a stable value.

It is true that the money of Russia and Germany has reached the point where it costs as much to print its paper currency as that currency is worth, that the French franc and the Italian lira are worth but a fraction of their former values and that the English pound is depreciated considerably.

The thing has happened before in the history of nations.

Back in 1789, French revolutionists needed money. They printed 400,000,000 francs of treasury notes. The first issue of these sold at par.

By 1793, about 4,000,000,000 of these paper francs were in circulation and their value had depreciated four-fifths.

French authorities did everything possible to restore their paper money to par. They passed laws, making it a death penalty for refusing to accept the money at face value. These laws had no effect.

King Finance had no respect for the sharp edge of the guillotine.

Late in 1796, there were 45,000,000,000 paper francs in circulation. Their face value was \$9,000,000,000, but the total purchasing power of the whole lot was less than \$9,000,000.

These paper francs, known as "assignats," were worth only one-thousandth of their face value. So even the French government refused to accept them.

The trouble lies in the fact that the currencies of these nations have been inflated beyond the values behind them.

Money is simply the medium of exchange, an instrument by which the old system of barter which once prevailed, was changed to modern commerce.

The dollar, the franc, the mark or lira was hit upon as a means of common valuation whereby the man who had labor, or shoes, or bread or coal to sell and wanted to buy theater tickets or meat could be reasonably sure that he was getting the proper amount of meat for his wheat or work.

The nations in which the money has reached a low ebb of level of value spent five years in killing other men and in raising nothing to trade. The printing presses went on putting out the pretty pictures but behind them was no work, no substantial values.

The paper money no longer represented work and thrift. It became only a hope for the future—that at some time the men and women whose governments printed this paper, would labor and save enough from useful tasks of life to make it of real and lasting value, or to plunder other nations to make it good.

That money, in itself, could destroy civilization is to deny the stability of the ideals which prompted men to do the things which formerly made money of real value.

That any mere system could be devised by which there can be given real value to the ink and paper of nations which have bankrupted themselves by years of destructive effort is inconceivable.

Money is not a Frankenstein. It is a means of doing business.

A financial gathering is necessary. One would have been held continuously under the League of Nations whereby men, the world over, would be freed from the necessity of destroying and turn their efforts to creating the things that make for permanency in prosperity.

What the world needs is not a new financial system nor any trick of statecraft that tries to make valuable things that are valueless.

A world conference should devise means by which the men of Russia will raise wheat, the men of Italy go back untrifled and unburdened, to their olive orchards; the men of France, free from military costs, turned again to their manufactures; the people of Germany, in justice and hope, given a chance to work.

Money represents values in labor and in thrift. It is valuable just as there is the power to redeem it, not in gold but in things of material value which the world wants.

The fear of Wells that a money system can destroy a world negates the ideals which have lifted man from savagery to the civilization which existed before 1914.

MAGGIE'S LEGACY

Maggie knew how to make hash—and is given a legacy of \$25,000 when the widow of the late Mark Hanna died.

Fiction writers have tried to tell the real value of that concoction of which she alone had the secret. President came, ate and went away convinced of whatever the master of the house wished to bring about.

Rebellious statesmen, smarting under the orders of that perfect machine which this master of politics built up, fed upon it and forgot their rebellion in a glow of gratitude.

More potent than fear, more powerful than appeals, more seductive than the hope of higher honors was this food which Maggie cooked.

In the light of such history it would seem that the sum is insignificantly small rather than any over payment.

The world is indebted for no small part of its miseries and its woes to bad cooking. Many a nest of love birds has been destroyed by burned biscuits. Many a promising business, wrecked by short temper and lack of foresight, might trace its disaster to the kitchen of the home where its manager lived.

There would be fewer hospitals, fewer calls for doctors, smaller premiums on insurance, if there were more Maggies in the world who understood the arts of preparing foods which not only delighted the palate but produced such glows of friendship with all the world that every man becomes an optimist and every woman a polyanna.

Domestic science courses in the schools are helping. Until there is a more general knowledge, most people will be glad that the few who recognize the truth that the "way to a man's heart is through his stomach," obtain full recognition of their talents.

Other Editors Than Ours

HARDING.
(Cincinnati Post.)

A gentleman with an adding machine brain figures out that it costs the American people less than one cent each to pay Pres't Harding's salary and total expenses for a year.

Congress costs 15 times as much.
This is a small amount for the men who serve as general manager and board of directors for that greatest corporation, United States government, whose assets are about \$220,000,000,000.
You and I are the stockholders. We never get dividends, usually being levied on for deficits.

The Tower of Babel

Bill Armstrong

Well, well—at last Mishawaka has got something it's sister city South Bend hasn't—a recount.

Billy Dodge, the mayor-elect, said he was the happiest man in 48 states. After he gets into office and has to worry about the taxpayers and bootleggers, he'll think his statement was a little overdrawn.

We would like to respectfully place the name of W. E. Wallace in nomination for the job of chief of police—as we may want to visit Mishawaka occasionally after Uncle Eli gets on the job here with his mop.

Joe Luther has got a new white hat that makes C. B. Stead and Julius Seeburger look like a couple of tramps.

In glancing over South Bend's leading Sunday paper—The News-Times—we found Doc Geyer billed as a booster for South Bend. We would suggest in Doc's case that the word "booster" should have been substituted for "booster."

With the resumption of Studebaker's on full force in a few days, we are anticipating the beautiful sunrise on Michigan street.

"When business is dull, this is the time to advertise." Twenty thousand advertising men, we verily believe, have been killed for making this remark in the United States in the past year alone.

The reason you never have heard of this remarkable circumstance before, is that no attention is ever paid to the murder of an advertising man.

More Truth Than Poetry

By James J. Montague

INIBITIONS.

Our fate, wherever we may turn,
Imposes hard conditions;
All life, as speedily we learn,
Is filled with inhibitions.
We'd rather, when a traffic cop
Presumes to think we're speeding,
And rudely orders us to stop,
To drive right by, unheeding,
Defiant words, like "Stand aside!"
Upon our lips have fluttered
At times like these, yet they have
died.

"Ere ever they were uttered.

When stern employers, now and then,
By petulance inspired,
Declare that if we're late again
They'll see that we are fired,
We'd like to strike a tragic pose,
Like actors do on stages,
And say, they way they do in shows,
"All right; hand out our wages."
Employers are not lords and kings,
To be beseeched or prayed to,
And yet we never say these things,
Because we are afraid to.

We'd like at home to give the law,
And, though our mein was pleasant,
To have the family bow in awe,
Whenever we were present.
If anything we chanced to state,
We'd have nobody doubt it;
Our least command should have
such weight.

That none would seek to flout it,
Desires like these in us abound.
And yet we do not stress them,
Because we frequently have found
It's better to repress them.

VERSE O' CHEER

By Edgar L. Jones

BLACK GOBLINS.

Sometimes when I crawl into bed
An' put th' light out overhead
An' everthing gets dark an' still,
My bedroom 'st begins to fill
Up full an' even in th' air
An' on th' walls an' everwhere
I see 'em, gee.

You oughta see
Th' goblin spooks that pester me.

I haint askeered 'o anythings
In daytime. Bats with funny wings
An' bugs an' worms, they're better'n
toys;
Don't none o' them things worry
boys.

But when my evenin' prayers are sed,
Th' lights all out an' me in bed
Giminee

Black goblins! Gee!
Them are th' things 'at worry me.

I 'st tuck my self further in
Beneath th' quilts an' pray agin
An' tell th' Good Man that I'll be
Oh so good of only he
Will send th' skeery things away
An' when I tell gran'pa nex' day
He sez 'at he

Will help me be
Real good so they wont pester me.

—EDGAR L. JONES.

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